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AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.   (Currently amended) A performance prediction system, comprising:

at least one memory to store a plurality of computer program components, the computer program components further comprising:

a query component for receiving queries submitted by users for data relevant to the probability that a transaction with ~~an~~ a specific entity will be successful;

a data gathering component for storing relevant data about submitted queries; and

a meta-query component responsive to a meta-query for returning information regarding previously submitted queries; and

at least one data processor to execute the computer program components.

2.   (Currently amended) A system as in claim 1, where the plurality of computer program components further comprises a performance-prediction component that uses data comprising the stored submitted query data in making estimations relevant to the likelihood of success of a transaction involving ~~an~~ the specific entity will be successful.